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**MAY MAKE DRAFT
BY LAST OF WEEK,
OFFICIALS BELIEVE**

**Ten States and 649 Districts
Are Missing Now, Gen.
Crowder Announces.**

**PROGRESS TO BE RAPID
WHEN NUMBERS ARE IN**

President Wilson Expected to Issue Regulations Defining Liability of the Government Workers.

**EVERY MAN SHOULD HASTEN TO
GET HIS RED INK NUMBER.**

War registrants, the time for drawing the numbers is at hand.

Be sure to get your red ink number. You will be notified by mail if you are drafted. However, if the letter goes astray your name happens to be overlooked in sending out notices, you cannot plead this for failure to report for examination.

Men who registered as absentees should still take the exemption bond of the district in which they reside, residence. Ask for your red ink number. It should be sent you by mail.

With only ten states remaining to be heard from on the organization of local exemption boards and with the serial number lists of registrants from all but 649 of the 4,559 exemption districts on file in Washington, Provost Marshal General Crowder was hopeful today that the preliminary stages of the war army drawing would be completed within forty-eight hours. He prepared to take up with Secretary Baker later in the day the details of the lottery process for final approval.

If there is no unexpected delay, it seems likely that the drawing can be held Friday or Saturday. A single district which fails to finish its preliminary work by that time, however, can hold up action indefinitely.

Ten States Yet at Work.

Once past the drawing stage, General Crowder pointed out today, the necessity for concerted action by the states ceases and the examination of the registrants and their assignment to the army or exemption can proceed in any state without regard to progress made in other communities.

The ten states not having completed

Alabama, Illinois, New York, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. This group includes the states having the largest population and probably the total population of the census-taking group where near half of the population of the entire country. The fact that reports from 10 of the 48 states and 4 of the 459 are missing, however, shows that even in the ten states there are some districts which have not only a few districts behind schedule but also some districts which are not even started. The enumeration could be completed today. The census takers are making the fairest comment on the statements made by the Census Bureau in making the fairness of the census bureau, the fairness of the estimates upon which the allotment of money under the draft law is based.

How Estimates Are Made.

Other officials pointed out however, that the revised estimates of the census are based on the total population of the usual population of any community. The estimates are prepared with the statement that they are for use in connection with the census-taking group.

Large figures for many of the cities are accounted for by the concentration of government workers in the public works in munition or other plants.

Gen. Crowder has wired the governors of the states asking them to speed up the work of the delinquent precincts. Officials here, however, are confident that the work will be complete before tomorrow is night.

President Wilson is expected to issue an executive order that will include all of government workers. Exemptions, it is thought, will be granted to only indispensable employees.

Urged to Study Exemption Rules.

Registrants are urged by the provost marshal general to take every opportunity to study the exemption rules.

drawing of numbers to inform themselves thoroughly regarding the exemption regulations. This will assist materially in reducing to a minimum the number of appeals and the number of designations are made.

Attention has been directed to various questions which have arisen, and it was suggested that the local boards should be organized at least a few days before lots are drawn to insure that the registered men know just how to make their claims and what tasks to perform and exemption.

So that easier access may be had to the exemption regulations, they will be placed in the hands of local boards. Provost Marshal General Crowder telegraphed the governors of the various States, asking them to post the lists at the board offices, they be placed "in some convenient, central and easily accessible place in the larger cities especially, the provost marshal general

Questions Only for Local Boards.

Officials here are anxious that local boards make it clear everywhere that a man is not to be considered as a dependent man for any cause other than physical disability or dependent relatives. The whole matter of industrial exemptions is left to the superior boards, and the federal board created in the federal judicial district.

No individual case where exemption is desired is to be taken up as capital to the conduct of the war will be taken up for examination by his local board. He should be without dependents and physically fit for military service. The board, and the

board. After that application to the superior board for exemption on other grounds will be admissible. The registrant or his employer may file necessary affidavits with the superior board.